

**New Hampshire Racing & Charitable Gaming Commission**  
**Commission Meeting**  
**August 4, 2015**  
**15-09**

Present: Timothy J. Connors, Chairman  
Anthony B. Urban, Secretary  
Frederick H. Booth, Member  
Dennis H. Caza, Member  
Michael J. Gatsas, Member  
Lynn M. Presby, Member  
Paul M. Kelley, Director  
Sudhir K. Naik, Deputy Director  
Valerie King, Procedures Administrator  
Stephen Johnston, Supervisor-Gaming Operations  
Suzanne Robidoux, Gaming/Licensing Supervisor  
Linda Darrow, Administrative Secretary

In Attendance: Nick Bonardi, Ryan Gloddy, Dick Bouley, Jamie Timbas, Jan DiMarzio, Rick Newman, Ed Callahan, Nancy LeVinus, Dan Brown and others.

Chairman Connors called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

**Rules Approval**

Chapter Pari 1000 - Bingo Games The revised Final Proposal was emailed to the stakeholders and Commission members in advance of today's meeting. Procedures Administrator King noted that the Final Proposal being presented today includes changes made in response to comments from Attorney Michael Morrell of the Office of Legislative Services (OLS). Discussion ensued. On a motion by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Presby, the Commission unanimously voted to approve the Final Proposal to be filed with OLS for placement on the agenda for the August 20<sup>th</sup> hearing of the Joint Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules (JLCAR)

Chapter Pari 1200 - Games of Chance – As with the Bingo rule, this proposal was emailed to the stakeholders and Commission members in advance of today's meeting, and the proposal includes changes made in response to comments received from OLS Attorney Michael Morrell. Discussion ensued, with particular focus paid to inclusion of electronic equipment. Specifically, the Commission discussed the language in Pari 1207.03(f) regarding wagers made in the form of credit when electronic tables are in use, and Pari 1207.04(d) regarding the need for criteria if the Commission approval of GOC equipment is to be required. On a motion by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Booth, the Commission unanimously voted to approve the Final Proposal to be filed with OLS for placement on the agenda for the August 20<sup>th</sup> hearing of the Joint Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules (JLCAR). Work will begin immediately to develop language/rules/criteria to be used in the approval process for electronic equipment for games of chance.

Chairman Connors asked Commissioner Presby to provide an overview of the kickoff meeting on July 28<sup>th</sup> of the Games for Charity Study Commission, of which they are both members. The meeting consisted of a general discussion regarding charitable gaming in the state and what course of action will be taken by the Study Commission between now and December 15 (when its findings are due to the general court). HB169 (Table Stakes Poker) was discussed at length.

Chairman Connors noted that HB169 has led to some confusion regarding implementation and intent. Mr. Callahan of Rockingham Gaming explained how his location conducts the table stakes poker as passed in HB169, and agreed to provide a simplified written description to the Commission. Mr. Timbas of Concord Bingo Too also gave a brief description of how his locations conduct table stakes poker and the subsequent increase in revenue. He also made a request that a set of rules be developed as soon as possible to insure the integrity of the game. Mr. Rick Newman noted that the audio of the hearings on HB169 are available on line. The audio provides insight as to the intent of the legislation.

Chairman Connors asked Commission Presby to chair a workgroup session on HB169 with the industry at the earliest possible time. Commissioner Presby agreed to do so.

Commissioner Presby inquired about unauthorized gambling machines which RCGC was given administrative authority over by HB1630. Director Kelley indicated that the agency is beginning to monitor those devices via the inspectors out in the field. Once enough data is collected, the Commission can then determine the best course of action. The agency will need resources and rules promulgated in this area.

#### New Game Submission

Mr. Dan Brown of HBC Gaming submitted a request for approval of a table game called Flop 22. Director Kelley noted that staff previously reviewed the game and found that it met all the criteria of the statutes. Discussion ensued. On a motion by Commissioner Booth, seconded by Commissioner Caza, the Commission unanimously voted to approve the game.

Under new business, Commissioner Gatsas brought up for discussion the possibility of developing a self-audit program to be performed by charitable gaming groups on an annual basis and submitted to the Commission for review. Discussion ensued. Areas discussed:

1. If an organization fails to submit their self-audit, what action will be taken?
2. What mechanisms will need to be in place for the program?
3. What resources will be needed to manage the program?
4. Do rules need to be promulgated?

On a motion by Commissioner Gatsas, seconded by Commissioner Booth, the Commission unanimously voted to direct staff to take the first steps in developing a self-audit program.

There being no questions or comments from the audience, on a motion by Commissioner Booth, seconded by Commissioner Caza and by a unanimous roll call vote the Commission voted to adjourn the regular meeting:

Connors	-	Yes
Caza	-	Yes
Booth	-	Yes
Gatsas	-	Yes
Presby	-	Yes
Urban	-	Yes

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 9, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 100 of the Walker Building.

The Chairman closed the public meeting at 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anthony B. Urban  
Secretary